

## POLICE ARE HOPEFUL

Believe They Will Capture  
Henry Reid's Murderers.

ROBBERY AS SOLE MOTIVE

Alleged Animosity Toward the Sa-  
loonkeeper Not Considered.

SEARCH FOR OWNER OF KNIFE

Theory Advanced That the Crime  
Was Not Committed on the  
Street.

We hope things will come out all right.  
The men are working hard, but it will re-  
quire a little time.—Inspector Robert  
Boardman.

It appears that Henry Reid was as-  
saulted in a house and then placed in  
front of 21 F street. Think something  
will come of the investigation that is now  
in progress.—Capt. Michael Byrnes of the  
sixth precinct.

I think we are on the right track, but it  
will take time. Charles Phillips is not  
telling the true story, and if such is the  
case he must have an object.—Detective  
Charles A. Evans.

It's going to be a hard nut to crack,  
but I think we'll succeed. I think we  
have made good headway, considering  
that we did not have anything to start  
upon.—Detective Howard Vermillion.

And we wish the right end would come.

A score of tired policemen.

Suspects under arrest: Charles Phillips,  
colored, thirty-six years of age, porter in  
the saloon, who resides at 38 Massachu-  
setts avenue.

Frederick Phillips, colored, thirty-seven  
years of age, 15 F street northwest.

Thomas Pindexter, colored, twenty-one  
years of age, 317 Census court.

William Beverly, colored, twenty-seven  
years of age, 124 Madison alley.

Samuel Langhorn, colored, twenty-eight  
years of age, 8 F street northwest.

William Washington, colored, twenty-  
nine years of age, 27 Defrees street.

When the Murder Occurred.

That Henry W. Reid was murdered and  
robbed Saturday morning about 12:45  
o'clock is certain, but just who committed  
the deed and just what was taken from  
him is not determined. Particular at-  
tention was paid last night to the pri-  
soner Charles Phillips, who was employed  
in the restaurant as porter, and he was  
"sweated" several times. The police are  
of the opinion he knows more than he is  
willing to tell. He admitted having given  
the two shrill whistles yesterday morn-  
ing as he approached his home, 38 Mas-  
sachusetts avenue. This admission was  
given to the police by William Collins, as  
told in yesterday's Star. Phillips says he  
gave this signal in order to attract his  
wife to the front door. It was not an  
unusual thing, he stated, for him to  
give such whistles to inform his wife of  
his coming, but he denied that it was as  
late as 12:45 o'clock, the prisoner  
stated, "as I had been directly from the  
saloon to my home."

Collins, however, was on duty at the  
diamond until midnight, and he walked  
home to 944 and 945 streets, leaving  
him at that corner to board a car. It  
was 12:25 o'clock, Collins says, when he  
reached the corner, and he saw a man  
on the opposite side of the avenue. Phillips  
was told of what Collins had stated, and  
he seemed somewhat surprised to learn  
that the police knew so much of his  
movements, although he would not admit  
it was later than 12:10 o'clock when he  
reached home.

"I have no idea that Phillips committed  
the crime," said Detective Evans, who  
conversed with him yesterday. "He is a  
good fellow, but I do believe he is able to  
tell more than he has already told."

It is the opinion of the several detec-  
tives who are working the case that  
Phillips can identify the colored men  
who were in the saloon Friday night after  
11 o'clock, and if they could be found  
the detectives say they will be able to  
solve the mystery. The two men who  
were seen standing near Reid's saloon  
last night, Capt. Byrnes said, were  
Charles Phillips, and a man named John  
who was implicated in the crime. Phillips  
knew Reid had no great amount of  
money on his person, and he was not  
satisfied with the cash register in the  
saloon, it is supposed. Reid having put  
most of his receipts in the cash register  
instead of taking the money home with  
him, as had been expected, it was neces-  
sary to make a search for the will.

Result of a Plot.

The police are of the opinion that the  
murder and robbery were the result of a  
deliberate plot, notwithstanding the be-  
lief expressed by Capt. Byrnes that the  
murder was committed in a house and the  
body thrown in front of 21 F street. Had  
the murder been committed in one of the  
houses, it is argued, there would have  
been blood enough spilled to have kept  
searched persons busy scrubbing floor the  
remainder of the night. A shirt containing  
what appeared to be very much like the  
blood stains was found in the house of  
Charles Phillips, and the detectives are  
of the opinion that the man who was in  
charge of it, Phillips admitted that the  
stain was caused by human blood, but  
declared it was from his nose. It is the  
opinion of the officers to have the chem-  
ist in the health department make an  
analysis of the stain tomorrow.

Very little attention has thus far been paid  
to the other prisoners. Beverly and  
Washington were arrested more particu-  
larly in connection with the robbery of  
Francis W. Self, the veteran, who was  
left dead in a saloon at New Jersey ave-  
nue and F street Friday night, although  
the detectives have not yet been able to  
assist them in the efforts to solve the  
mystery. Self was taken to see the two  
prisoners mentioned, but he was un-  
able to say they were the men who had  
killed him and released him of his  
money, although he said, there was a re-  
semblance.

Emma Jasper Hysterical.

Emma Jasper, colored, one of the sev-  
eral occupants of 21 F street, was taken  
to the police station last night by Sgt.  
Curry and Policemen Hackett. Mahoney  
and Little and closely questioned. Emma  
was very much under the influence of  
liquor and was perfectly willing to talk.  
She had her own ideas about the case  
and did not hesitate to say what she  
thought about some of her neighbors. The  
woman declared she had been beaten be-  
cause some of her neighbors had accused  
her of being too willing to talk about the  
case, but she was unable to exhibit any  
wounds.

It was evident from her hysterical out-  
bursts that she had heard the case dis-  
cussed, but she was unable to give the  
officers any direct information which would  
assist them in their investigation. Emma

said something about a pocketbook hav-  
ing been taken from her, but she did not  
recall it, and tried to tell something about  
a man putting on an overcoat after the  
crime was committed, but the officers  
were compelled to give up their examina-  
tion of the woman until she recovers  
from the effects of the liquor.

Not many of the colored people living  
in the vicinity of the scene of the murder  
were particularly anxious to discuss the  
affair, most of them declaring they knew  
nothing of the crime until long after it  
was committed.

Reasons for His Belief.

"It is not reasonable to suppose," said  
the captain, "that the two men could  
have been so near without having heard  
something of the trouble. The men were  
upon the corner in compliance with my  
orders, and the same as those who are on  
duty in the Bowery. They are instructed  
to remain about the vicinity of saloons  
until the last of the saloon keepers have  
left the vicinity. The corner of F street  
and New Jersey avenue is the principal  
part of their beat, five saloons being with-  
in one square of that corner."

Detectives Evans, Vermillion, Barber,  
Mullen and Precinct Detectives Evans and  
Armstrong undertook yesterday after-  
noon to ascertain something which would  
lead to the identification of the oyster  
knife with which Reid was stabbed. They  
found the dealer who sells that particular  
kind of oyster knife, but nothing was  
found which would assist them in locat-  
ing the owner of the weapon. The knife  
was manufactured by H. LePage & Co.,  
and was probably sold through the agency  
of a Pennsylvania avenue dealer.

"And the style of knife and its condi-  
tion," remarked Detective Evans, "shows  
that it was owned by an experienced  
oyster shucker."

The blade of the knife had recently been  
filed, and it was long enough to pass  
through the skull of the victim without  
the exertion of an unusual amount of  
strength on the part of the person using  
it. The wooden handle of the knife was  
partly covered with blood, showing that  
more than the entire length of the blade  
had penetrated. It is certain the mur-  
derer did not get away without smearing  
his hands and clothing with the blood  
from his victim, but no stains were found  
upon clothing in any of the houses  
searched, with the exception of the shirt  
of Charles Phillips.

Murder an Afterthought.

Detectives express the belief that it was  
possibly not the intention of the assail-  
ants of Reid to do any more than assault  
and rob him, but regard it as probable  
that Reid recognized them, and they  
killed him to keep his lips shut. Reid was  
so much under the influence of liquor, it  
is believed, that he was not able to make  
much resistance. He was intoxicated early  
in the afternoon, it is stated, when he  
visited the Union station with a friend  
from Baltimore to show him the new  
building, and about 6:30 o'clock in the af-  
ternoon, when William Kohl, a friend,  
called to see him, he was still in the  
latter stage. Mr. Kohl told the police that  
he did not count on Reid, when the latter  
desired to pay a bill, the roll of  
bills being returned to the pocket of the  
saloonkeeper.

Reid complained to his friend that he  
was chilly, and had the latter cover him  
with a coat when he stretched himself  
upon a sofa. He remained there but a  
short time after Mr. Kohl left him. Phil-  
lips says, and he was about the bar from  
then until midnight. What became of the  
roll of bills is merely a matter of con-  
jecture, the supposition being that he put  
it in the cash register. A total of \$145  
was found there by the police.

Reid always carried a pocketbook, his  
friends say, and he usually had not less  
than \$50 with him. No pocketbook was  
found on his person yesterday morning. It  
is believed his death occurred before he  
had an opportunity to make an outcry.  
Blood was still spurting from the wound  
when the police reached the body.

Tracing Reid's Watch.

Detective Cornwell went to Manassas,  
Prince William county, Va., last night  
to see if he could learn anything about  
the watch that Reid had carried. It is  
said the timepiece was ordered by a Man-  
assas jeweler many years ago for the  
late William Reid, father of the murdered  
man, the latter having left it to the son  
at the time of his death. Henry Reid  
always took great pride in exhibiting the  
watch to his friends.

It was stated last night that a number  
of colored patrons of Reid's saloon were  
displeased with his treatment of them,  
and that some of them had gone so far  
as to threaten him. Reid never catered  
to the crowd, it is said, but a number  
of colored persons insisted upon patron-  
izing his place because it was a mat-  
ter of convenience to them. The police  
have no idea, however, that these per-  
sons had a hand in the killing. They are  
still of the opinion that robbery was the  
only motive.

Friend of the murdered man, his busi-  
ness associates, Luther McMillan and Sol  
Richards, and his attorney, George E.  
Fitzgerald, were disappointed yesterday af-  
ternoon when the police were unable to  
open when the case in the saloon was  
opened. It was confidently expected that  
Reid had left his will in the safe, which  
would give instructions as to the disposi-  
tion of the body, but no such paper was  
found. The safe was opened in the pres-  
ence of police officers and the contents  
were not disturbed, except so far as it  
was necessary to make a search for the will.

Reward May Bring Results.

It is hoped by the police that the offer  
of a reward of \$100 for information may  
attract the attention of some person in  
possession of information of value. Resi-  
dents of Manassas, where Henry W. Reid  
was well known, hold to the belief that  
the murder was committed for revenge.  
Some of the residents of the Virginia  
town say the killing of Reid was just  
what they had expected, but they do not  
believe robbery was the motive.

SCIENTISTS SUCCESSFUL.

Smithsonian Men Members of Party

Securing Views of Eclipse.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., January 25.—  
Five scientists arrived from Flint Island,  
in the South seas, on the Marquis today,  
returning from an expedition undertaken  
solely to get photographs of the corona  
of the sun during the total eclipse which  
occurred in southern latitudes last  
night. They were so successful that they  
believe they have the most perfect  
photographs ever taken of a corona.

The party consisted of C. A. Abbott and  
A. E. Moore of the Smithsonian Institution  
and three members of the staff of  
Lick observatory, W. W. Campbell, R. P.  
Lewis and Abner Wright.

American Squadron Passes Monte-  
video.

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, January 25.—  
The American battleship fleet passed here  
today. They were met and escorted off  
the port by Argentine battleships. The  
torpedo boats which arrived from Buenos  
Ayres, report that the capital of the Ar-  
gentine Republic is in a state of serious  
disturbance. It is said that military law  
has been declared. Gen. Roca is said to  
be at the head of the anti-government fac-  
tion.

Landslide Near Milan.

MILAN, January 25.—A landslide oc-  
curred today on the River Adige, between  
Milan and Bergamo. A house was buried  
and five persons were killed.

## SCENES AT THE ANNUAL DINNER OF THE GRIDIRON CLUB.



## DESTROYERS IN SIGHT

Met by the Argentine Flotilla  
Off Montevideo.

NOW DUE AT BUENOS AIRES

Officers Will Be Given a Reception  
by President Alcora.

CHILEANS ARE PREPARING

Large Party Has Chartered a Spe-  
cial Steamer to Meet the Ameri-  
can Squadron.

BUENOS AIRES, January 25, 3:10 p.m.—  
The American torpedo boat flotilla, ac-  
companied by six Argentine torpedo boats,  
was sighted from Montevideo at 2:30 this  
afternoon. The vessels are on their way  
to this port. They left Rio Janeiro Janu-  
ary 21.

The first sighting of the flotilla was off  
Punta del Este, the north entrance point  
of the Rio de la Plata, which was re-  
ported to the ministry of marine here.

The Argentine torpedo boats met the  
fleet off Maldonado and will escort the  
visitors to this port, where they are ex-  
pected to arrive early tomorrow morning.

The program for the entertainment of  
the Americans has not yet been definitely  
fixed. There will be, however, an official  
reception to the officers by the president  
of the republic, Dr. Alcora.

Pick Up Deserters.

RIO JANEIRO, January 25.—The police  
of this city have gathered up six sailors  
from the American battleships under Rear  
Admiral Evans who had either deserted  
or failed to return on board before their  
vessels sailed from here three days ago.  
They will be sent after the fleet on a col-  
lier.

A dispatch received here from Valparaiso  
says that the Chilean squadron, which  
will welcome the American battleships to  
Chilean waters, has arrived at Valdi-  
via. The British cruiser Sano, which  
has been on the west coast, is now on her  
way down to Punta Arenas.

A large party of Chileans has char-  
tered a special steamer and will go out  
from Valparaiso to greet the American  
warships as they pass up the coast.

WILL NOT DISCUSS IT.

Longworth Spoken of for Governor  
of Ohio.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, January 25.—The  
Columbus Dispatch from Washington stating  
that Representative Nicholas Longworth,  
President's son-in-law, is to be the re-  
publican candidate for governor this year,  
and that Gov. Harris would not seek the  
nomination, resulted in the publication  
today of a letter written by Gov. Harris  
to E. A. Dierbach, master of the State  
Grange, in which he says the report that  
he desired to retire from the governorship  
and will not be a candidate, are unfoun-  
ded. He desires a second term, and  
expects it as a matter of course.

Mr. Longworth could not be seen last  
night relative to the report that he de-  
sired to retire from the governorship and  
will not be a candidate for the gubernatorial  
nomination in Ohio, as he was a guest at  
the Gridiron Club banquet. It is known,  
however, that when the subject was  
brought to his attention yesterday he re-  
fused to discuss it.

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## BRYAN REACHES TOWN

Arrives in Time to Dine With  
Gridiron Club.

PLANS FOR HIS STAY HERE

Will Speak in Churches This Morn-  
ing and Tonight.

HE IS MR. NEWLANDS' GUEST

Will Meet the Democrats of the  
Senate and May Leave for  
New Jersey Wednesday.

William Jennings Bryan, the twice-tried-  
and-willing-to-be-tried-again pride of the  
democracy, dressed in his evening clothes,  
leaped from a Southern train at the Long  
Bridge at 10 o'clock last night, hunched  
in a waiting automobile, breezed to the  
New Willard, shot up to the tenth floor  
and popped in on the Gridiron dinner in  
time to get an ovation, make a speech  
and satisfy a keen appetite. Mr. Bryan  
and Judson Harmon, while private-caring  
northward, missed connections at Atlap-  
ta, and came near missing last night's  
function in consequence.

As a result of the peerless speaker's un-  
avoidable overindulgence the expected con-  
flict between Mr. Bryan and the democ-  
ratic leaders did not come off yesterday, but  
instead, will be held today. Mr. Bryan  
is stopping at the Metropolitan Hotel,  
which will be the rendezvous today for  
all of the faithful, some of the doubtful  
and a few of the frankly antagonistic.  
Mr. Bryan will speak at the First Pres-  
byterian Church this morning at 11  
o'clock, luncheon with the pastor after-  
ward. In the evening he will speak at the  
Mount Pleasant Congregational Church.  
Tomorrow morning Mr. Bryan will  
wrap his other shirt and several copies  
of the Commonsense in one package and  
leave the Metropolitan tavern for the  
home of Senator Newlands, where he will  
be a guest of honor for a couple of days.

To Meet Democratic Senators.

Senator Newlands has decided to enter-  
tain the minority membership of the Sen-  
ate in Mr. Bryan's honor, but as his home  
is not built on level bones he has found  
it necessary to do this in two sections.  
The Commonsense is expected to be in  
tomorrow night the senator will entertain  
half of the Senate democrats, which half  
is not out of Tuesday night the other  
half. There will be no guests outside of  
the membership of the upper house—plus  
the Commonsense. A frank interchange  
of views, such as can be had only when  
mental activity waits on physical re-  
freshment, is expected.

After leaving Washington probably  
next Wednesday at noon—Mr. Bryan will  
go to New Jersey. Edmund Whittier and  
Charles H. Ingersoll of Newark arrived  
in Newark yesterday to see Mr. Bryan  
to the tomato state, and they have been  
joined by Representatives Hughes and  
Patt, also from New Jersey. Mr. Hughes  
is chairman of the Progressive Democratic  
League of New Jersey, one of the Bryan  
organizations of the east. Mr. Bryan  
has promised to attend a mass meeting  
at Newark February 6 and make a speech  
to the New Jersey democrats.

Opposition in New Jersey.

Ex-Senator Smith of New Jersey will  
give a big dinner in Newark February 5,  
his purpose being, it is alleged by Mr.  
Bryan's friends here, to forestall the  
peerless leader's entry into the state and,  
if possible, put an effectual damper on  
the Bryan enthusiasm. Grover Cleveland  
is to write a letter—if he is unable to  
appear in person—and it is said there will  
be other demonstrations on the part of  
the anti-Bryan factions.

The meeting of the Senate democrats  
and Mr. Bryan having been provided for  
by Senator Newlands, it is expected that  
most of the democratic leaders in the  
House will see Mr. Bryan tomorrow at

one time or another and the result of the  
probable continuous-performance confer-  
ence is expected to have an important  
bearing on Mr. Bryan's future attitude  
with regard to the presidential nomina-  
tion next spring. It things shape them-  
selves as expected in the next few days  
Mr. Bryan will probably issue a state-  
ment that will be read with interest by  
every democrat in the country, no matter  
what his factional leanings.

## CHOATE HITS AT ROOSEVELT

CALLS HIM DOWN FOR MAKING  
VAGUE ASPERSIONS.

Says if He Knows Any "Eminent  
Malefactors" He Ought to Name  
Them Definitely or Shut Up.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

NEW YORK, January 25.—At a dinner  
of the New York State Bar Association  
at the Waldorf-Astoria this evening ex-  
Ambassador Joseph H. Choate made a  
pointed attack upon President Roosevelt,  
demanding that the chief executive should  
either name eminent malefactors whom  
he denounces or else stop denouncing  
them. Mr. Choate also declared that the  
tendency to confuse the functions of the  
executive, judicial and legislative depart-  
ments of the government must be checked.  
These parts of the speech were en-  
thusiastically cheered by the lawyers  
present, among whom were many of the  
most eminent judges and practitioners.

Hughes Was a Guest.

Gov. Hughes and James Bryce, the  
British ambassador to the United States,  
also made speeches. The governor avoid-  
ed the subject of politics, but made a  
ringing plea for less special legislation  
and for a greater measure of self-gov-  
ernment for local communities. He got  
a very warm reception, and when Mr.  
Choate, in introducing him, made intima-  
tions regarding his presidential candidacy  
there was a big uproar.

Mr. Choate, in remarks that he said  
aimed at the President, had this to say:

Don't Believe the President.

"I have heard and read a lot about emi-  
nent malefactors, and I am supposed to have  
been sitting up burning the midnight elec-  
tricity inventing devious methods whereby  
their clients may resort to corrupt ways  
and still remain inside the Revised Stat-  
utes. I don't believe it."

"If there are any such lawyers I don't  
know who they are, but I judge from  
what I have read that the President of  
the United States knows who they are, and  
if he does, I here and now call upon him  
to name them and I will see that their  
cases are presented to our committee on  
grievances for investigation and determi-  
nation."

"And if the President doesn't know their  
names I demand that he shall not say any  
such things again."

OPPOSED TO AGITATION

SCHOOL TEACHERS SEND A PETI-  
TION TO SENATOR BURKETT.

Senator Burkett, chairman of the sub-  
committee on education and labor of the  
Senate District committee, yesterday re-  
ceived the much-discussed petition from  
the public school teachers of the District,  
in which Congress is asked not to proceed  
with any investigation of the public  
schools nor consider at this time any new  
legislation. It is signed by over a thou-  
sand teachers.

The efficiency of the teachers and the  
good work of the pupils, says the peti-  
tion, are dependent upon a cessation of the  
public discussion of school troubles and of  
action by Congress.

It has been claimed by some persons  
who are favorable to the idea contained in  
the Doolittle bill of abolishing the board  
of education, that the teachers have been  
coerced into signing this petition by the  
board of education. This is flatly denied  
by Capt. James H. Oyster, chairman of  
the board, who challenges any one to pro-  
duce proof that such is the case.

Senator Burkett had not decided yester-  
day upon a date for beginning the hear-  
ing on the Doolittle bill. It could not be  
learned yesterday whether or not the re-  
quest of the thousand or more teachers  
would be granted, but the substance of the  
whole matter dropped, but the members  
of the subcommittee will doubtless give  
the petition due consideration.